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National SC/ST Entrepreneurs Hub
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established/proposes to establish a National hub to encourage and provide professional support of SC/ST entrepreneurs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be established; and

(c) the manner and extent to which it is likely to benefit the SC/ST entrepreneurs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTEPRISES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a)& (b): Yes, Madam, setting up of National SC/ST Hub was part of Budget of FY 2016- 17. The Hub would provide professional support to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Entrepreneurs to fulfill the obligations under the Central Government Public Procurement Policy 2012, adopt global best practices and leverage the Stand Up India initiatives.

In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2016-17, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is in the process of formulating scheme for the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) Hub.

(c): The functions of the National SC/ST Hub include collection, collation and dissemination of information regarding SC / ST enterprises and entrepreneurs; capacity building and technological upgradation of SC/ST enterprises; vendor development; promoting participation of SC/ST entrepreneurs in exhibitions both national & international; mentoring and hand holding support to SC/ST entrepreneurs for marketing, quality improvement, facilitating SC/ST entrepreneurs participating in public procurement etc.